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**Sanford, Florida 32771**

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to take a moment to write that I support the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department. I believe ending this litigation is in the best interest of consumers and the consumer industry.

Although I did not support commencing this litigation in the first place, it is time to move forward. The agreement incorporates many of the changes Microsoft's competitors desired. This includes granting computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software that compete with programs included within Windows.

I have been in the computer industry for forty years and understand the importance of Microsoft and their products. The industry would still be extremely inefficient if not for the leadership of Microsoft. Freeing Microsoft to concentrate on bringing the latest technology to the market will continue making the computer industry a powerful engine to our economy.

Hopefully this settlement will be one of the last steps in bringing this entire affair to a conclusion. Thank you for the opportunity to have my voice heard.

Sincerely,



Bill Allen  
IT Administrator  
Seminole County Tax Collector